

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image display apparatus comprising:  
an image display unit having an image display surface;  
an image forming unit for forming an image on said image display surface by ejecting ink droplets toward said image display surface; and  
an image erasing unit for erasing the formed image,  
wherein ink holding regions for holding ink droplets impinged to the image display surface and an ink repelling region for holding no ink are formed on said image display surface, and said ink holding regions are regularly arranged so that each ink holding region is surrounded by said ink repelling region.
2. The image display apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein each of said ink holding regions is a region subjected to ink receptive treatment and said ink repelling region is a region subjected to ink repellent treatment.
3. The image display apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein at least one of said ink holding regions holds one ink droplet for image formation.

4. The image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said ink holding regions holds plural ink droplets for image formation.

5. The image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said ink holding regions holds a part of one ink droplet, whose remaining parts are held by adjacent ink holding regions, for image formation.